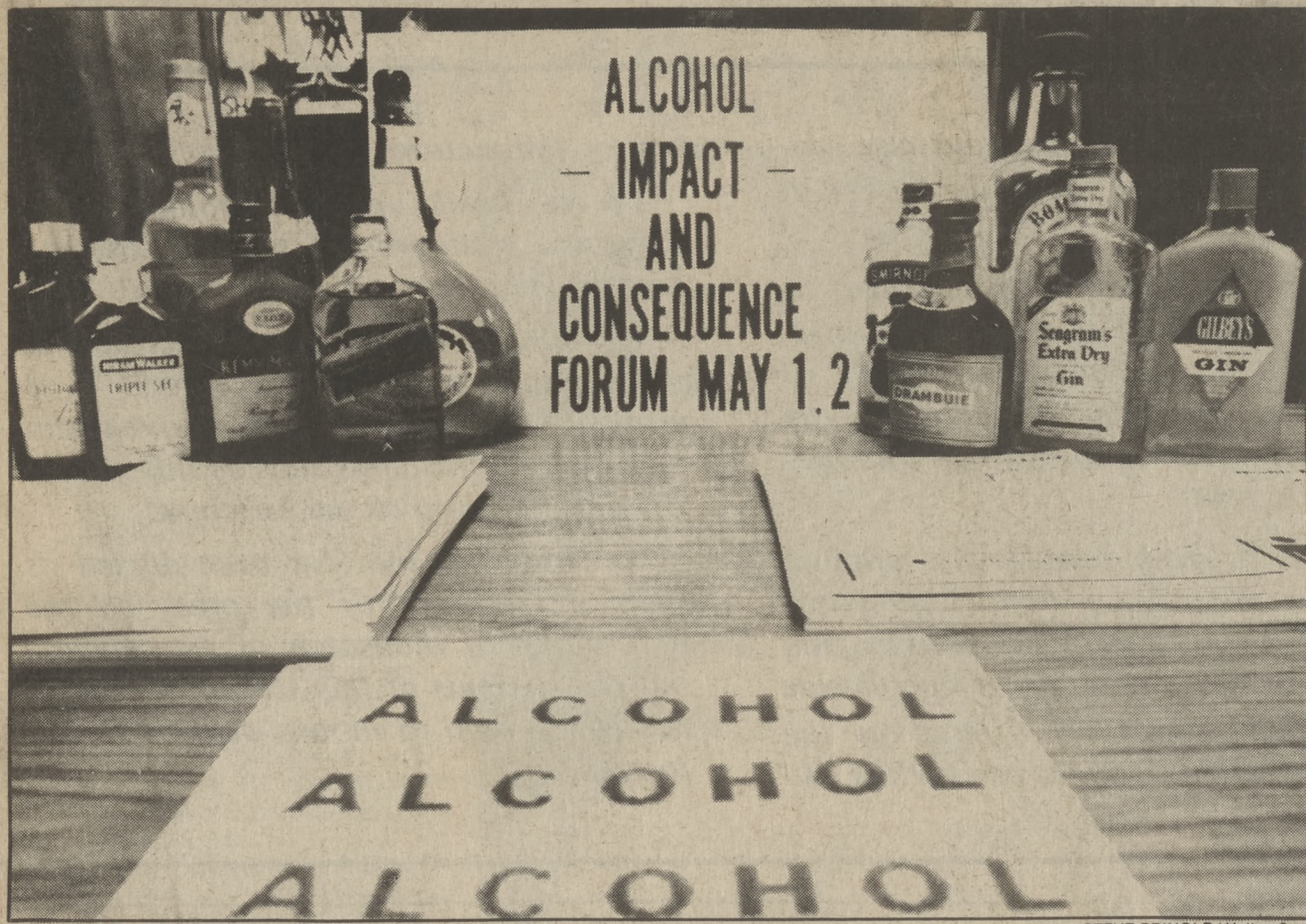


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# Alcohol impact, statistics studied



STEVE PRINGLE / Valley Star

By SUSAN DUDASIK, Staff Writer

"Between the years 1976 and 1980, there were more injuries to California residents in alcohol-related traffic accidents than suffered during the Civil War, and more were killed than in the bloodiest year of the Vietnam War."

This statement was delivered by former Valley student Terry Siegel, now an L.A. deputy city attorney, during an alcoholic awareness program held Tuesday and Wednesday at Monarch Hall.

Siegel was one of four speakers present at the forum called "Alcohol: Impact and Consequences," sponsored by the Health Education and Sociology departments in conjunction with ASB.

Dr. Richard Ferman, chief of staff at Crossroads Hospital, began by discussing the physical, medical, and emotional effects of alcohol, especially on young adults.

Statistics show that the highest presence of alcohol abuse is in 40 to 50 percent of adults 18 to 24 years old.

Following Ferman, Siegel presented the legal facts on drunk driving.

Since 1913, laws against drunk driving have been in effect, yet today, 2,000 D.U.I. (driving under the influence) cases are heard every month in the L.A. area alone. Half the traffic deaths in California are alcohol-related, he said.

A person is considered legally drunk when a .10 alcohol level is found in the blood. To better understand this, one drink equals one ounce of 100 proof

alcohol, 10 oz. of beer or 4 oz. of wine.

Therefore, the average person weighing 140 pounds will reach a .107 alcohol level after only four drinks, becoming legally drunk.

Advice on how and where to find help for alcoholism was offered by Michael Kline, an alcohol consultant.

"There are more help resources in L.A. County than anywhere in the United States," said Kline. "But I still see people who don't know how to find help."

Over 18,000 people in the Valley have used public alcohol services, he said.

Ending the forum, Anthony Russo, a research consultant, presented the effects of the 170 billion dollar a year, worldwide industry, on the individual alcohol consumer.

The alcoholic awareness program was the idea of Lou Albert, associate professor of health education, who organized the event as an educational and resource-finding experience for students and local residents.

For those who couldn't attend, the program has been videotaped by the Broadcasting Department and may be viewed at the Learning Center.

Following is where to call for further information on alcohol and alcoholism: Alcoholic Council of San Fernando Valley, 997-0414; Alcoholics Anonymous, 988-3001; CSUN Hotline, 349-4357; and Valley Woman's Center, 716-7188.

## Volunteers visit potential voters

By LAURA TANIS, Staff Writer

As part of Voter Registration Week, the Associated Student Body (ASB) is hoping to increase student registration by distributing mail-in forms during class visits.

Beginning yesterday and continuing through next Monday, student volunteers will go into classrooms, if permitted by the instructor, and briefly discuss the correct procedure for filling out the forms.

"I have a feeling that many students would vote if they could utilize this method," said Jerilyn Stapleton, ASB commissioner of women's concerns and coordinator of the registration push. "We need to register as many students as possible to have any clout when dealing with the legislators for such issues as tuition."

ASB is supporting the Campus Campaign for Voter Participation

(CCVP), which is comprised of students from community colleges, the U.C. and Cal State systems, and independent colleges. The purpose is to increase voter participation and awareness among community college students, faculty, and staff.

The CCVP has set a goal of 500,000 new voters for the 1984 primary elections.

Although few students turned out at Valley's voter participation rally last week, Stapleton felt that the program itself was very successful. "However, I would have liked to have seen more people attend, she said.

"We need more volunteers to work on the voter registration, especially to do it in class."

Students interested in volunteering may contact Stapleton at extension 361.

## Weekend seminar to evaluate ASB's five-year charter

By JENNIFER KONZE, Assoc. View Editor

For the first time in five years, the Associated Student Body (ASB) will be holding its Constitutional Convention and Re-evaluation Seminar on campus this weekend.

The purpose of the seminar, according to the rules governing the convention, is "to re-evaluate the ASB constitution, by-laws, job descriptions, and duties and responsibilities of ASB officers and offices."

The reason for the seminar, said ASB President Jeff Kaplan, "is that it [the constitution] is five years old. We can't work with five-year-old laws."

The last seminar, held in 1979, was held near Palm Springs, in what Kaplan called a "shack."

"This location will give more access to the Valley ASB members," he said.

Starting Saturday afternoon, the first part of the seminar will go until

10 p.m., with only a break for a potluck dinner.

Later on, a continuance of the seminar will carry over into a sleep-over at the home of one of the ASB members.

According to Kaplan, the sleep-over will keep the delegates together to think up more motions for the following day.

On Sunday, the last day, the seminar will begin at noon and finish at about 4 p.m.

It is not required that those attending the seminar be there for the full period. All ASB members are invited to attend whether they are affiliated with a club or not.

To be eligible to vote, one must be an ASB officer, commissioner, certified club member, or an independent ASB member, said Kaplan.

The independent delegation of students hold a total of five votes—one vote per delegate for up to five delegates. Over five delegates' votes will be divided among the attending delegates (half votes will be accepted). This is also stated in the rules governing the convention.

An independent student may introduce a motion but cannot second a motion, said Kaplan.

Each commissioner will have a 10 vote standing. Each club will have 10 votes, with five for each representative and only five if only one representative attends.

Kaplan will preside over the seminar as the speaker of the house. Jerilyn Stapleton, commissioner of women's concerns, will be speaker pro-tem, with Steve Appell, ASB vice president, as assistant speaker pro-tem. Frank Tullo of the Broadcasting Club will act as secretary and Chuck Tuma, commissioner of campus improvements will be sergeant-at-arms.

Dr. Pauline Merry, dean of student affairs, will also be attending the seminar as faculty adviser.

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## Dancers, choreographers put 'Portfolio' together for spring

By MARY PARCELLS, Production Manager

It's 8 a.m. Sunday; most Valley College students are still in bed. Zona-Lisa Bennett, however, is getting ready to go to school as she has done every Sunday this semester.

She will meet other students for breakfast and work on costumes until 9 a.m., when she begins to warm up for dance practice.

Bennett and other dance and choreography students will practice 12 hours or longer with only one break as they prepare for the spring dance production of "Portfolio," to be held tonight and tomorrow night, May 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Dancers, in costumes designed and sewn by the students themselves, will present a spectrum of student-choreographed dances from ballet to breaking and popping.

Five of the dances were choreographed by Bennett. "She has shown a great versatility," said Kay Mahoney, dance instructor. "All of the students did a good job, but Bennett is particularly outstanding."

Bennett's dances include a Jamaican ethnic dance to reggae music, a jazz dance, a balletic modern jazz, her own "Cinderella" solo, and a theatrical piece called "Reefer Song."

The "Reefer Song," which includes 19 dancers, is "slow and sleazy," according to Bennett.

In the business since she was two, 19-year-

old Bennett has danced with the New York City Ballet at the Greek Theater, and performed in several Equity plays and musical theater.

"It's an exhausting and crazy business," she said.

Other student choreographers include Katherine Fertig, Holly Hansen, Monica Moran, Terrell Moran, and Hermis Otarola. Former dance student Latase Williams also choreographed two pieces.

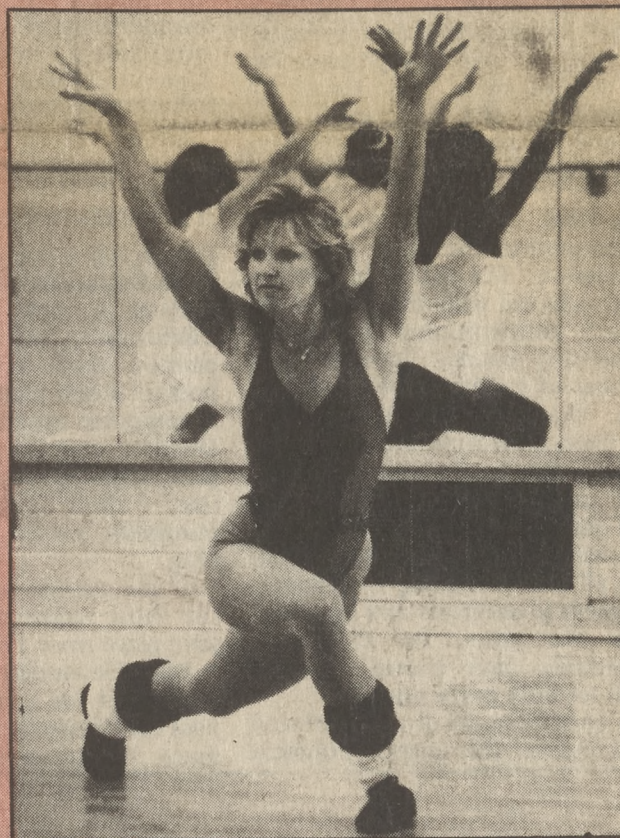
The P.E. department and the Dance Club are working together with the Theater Arts Department to put the performance together, according to Mahoney. Theater arts students will take care of lighting and sound.

It's almost midnight, Tuesday. The show opens in two days. Bennett and her fellow dancers are still hard at work, polishing dances and perfecting costumes.

They no longer dance facing the mirror as they have earlier in the semester. They have to know that they are in synch with each other.

Mahoney offers some comments and students share constructive criticisms hoping to correct any final errors. And they dance once more.

It may be 3 or 4 a.m. before they leave, only to be back again, ready to practice, the next morning.



DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

A SHOW OF HANDS—Kim Cossette rehearses for the spring dance production of "Portfolio," to be performed tonight and tomorrow night at the Little Theatre.

## High school recruitment

## Breakfast seeks way to principals' hearts

By DAVID BOHRER, City Editor

In an ongoing effort to increase enrollment at Valley College, Dr. Mary Lee, college president, hosted a breakfast on campus for local high school principals and college advisers last Tuesday.

Nearly 50 people arrived early that morning to hear Lee and other Valley administrators give a brief summary of the various programs

and opportunities the college has to offer to potential Fall '84 students.

The breakfast, usually hosted by Valley once a year, did not occur last year "as a result of time restraints and planning problems," said Lee.

"We invited all the high schools in the [San Fernando] Valley and

even some in the downtown area," said Counselor Ralph Lazo. "By doing this, we are able to get more students aware of the opportunities at the college."

The attendees included nearly 25 Valley administrators and faculty members, and the same number of high school representatives. They came from schools such as Grant,

Van Nuys, Corvallis, Monroe, Birmingham, Verdugo Hills, Burbank, and Reseda, among many others.

During the 90 minute breakfast, Lee explained such issues as summer school, enrollment fees, application and admission procedures, graduate degrees, and transfer information, "which is always a problem for the students."

A major topic of discussion and interest to the representatives seemed to be that of enrollment procedures, and Project ACCESS, a new program to begin this fall in which applications, testing, orientation, and admission can all be done in one day for new students out of high school.

"We're trying to save the students as many trips as possible [to the campus]," said Lee of the implementation of ACCESS.

Throughout the meeting, the importance of working together was stressed.

"We're trying a lot of new things this year, and I don't want to try so many new things that we get screwed up," Lee said. "Therefore, we must make every effort to work together."



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VALLEY WANTS YOU—College President Mary Lee addresses local high school principals and college advisers.

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### Removing your rights

Someone made a decision for you last week.

Someone decided that you would be offended by the content of the Valley Star, and so they systematically removed them from the racks.

The people who did this stole more from you than newspapers. They took away your right to decide what is acceptable in a newspaper and what is not. They performed a blatant act of censorship reminiscent of repressive fascism at its ugliest.

An open discussion of ideas is essential

to any democratic society, and any erosion of that freedom should be looked at with horror.

For those of you who are inclined to dismiss this incident as a minor infringement on the concept of freedom of speech, consider this: If we allow the destruction of newspapers to go unnoticed, what is next?

What is to keep people who appoint themselves the judge of literary standards from destroying library books they find offensive? What do we say if they decide to vandalize magazines offered in the library because the copy is not to their lik-

ing, or the pictures offend them?

Do we speak up if someone tries to disrupt a controversial speaker, thereby keeping him from airing his views?

The concept of free speech is critical in every phase of our society, and it is especially so in the learning environment of a college. Incidents such as this should not go unnoticed or unchallenged.

Not only has the Star been denied its right to freedom of the press by the destruction of thousands of newspapers, but the students at this school have been denied the right to choose what they want to read.

### Reapportionment

## The continuing craziness

By CAROLYN BARRY, Assoc. Copy Editor

The ghost of reapportionment past is haunting the California taxpayer again. Gerrymandered voting districts magically change their shape while voters watch with incredulity or boredom.

The California Republican Party is now circulating another reapportionment petition aimed at changing the districts before the 1984 election. This will create the need for another special election, wasting tax dollars, for an issue which should have been resolved long ago.

Prior to 1926, representation in the California Assembly and Senate was based on population. In 1926, a constitutional amendment instituted the "federal plan." Representation in the assembly was based on population, and geographic area became the basis for representation in the Senate.

In 1966, the houses returned to representation on the basis of population. The assembly districts were realigned with disregard of the states' constitutional provisions concerning county lines and the number of counties in each district. L.A. County gained seats, while Northern California lost them.

According to the state's constitution, the Legislature must reapportion itself during the regular session following the decennial federal census; all else pertaining to reapportionment is uncertain and muddled. Over the years, the crazy-quilt boundaries have caused disagreement on both party sides.

A good example of the confusion surrounding the reapportionment

issue is the chain of events in 1970 to 1972.

After the decennial census, a legislative reapportionment plan passed both of the then Democratic controlled houses. Gov. Reagan vetoed the plan, saying that the legislature had gerrymandered the districts to favor the Democrats. This led to the question of who could make a reapportionment decision in California.

In January 1972, the State Supreme Court intervened and upheld the governor's right to veto any bill, but they ruled against an existing plan for a commission of reapportionment. Because of the continued inability of the Legislature and the governor to

**"Over the years, the crazy-quilt boundaries have caused disagreement on both party sides."**

develop a new plan, in 1973, California's Supreme Court appointed three retired judges to prepare a new plan. The panel used a computer instead of favoritism. Districts emerged equal and compact, angering some politicians who lost "their" districts. Many minorities gained a voice in this plan.

If the current petition is passed, the third redistricting change will take place since 1980.

Last December, Gov. Deukmejian called for a special election to pass the "Sebastiani Plan" in which many minorities would lose their

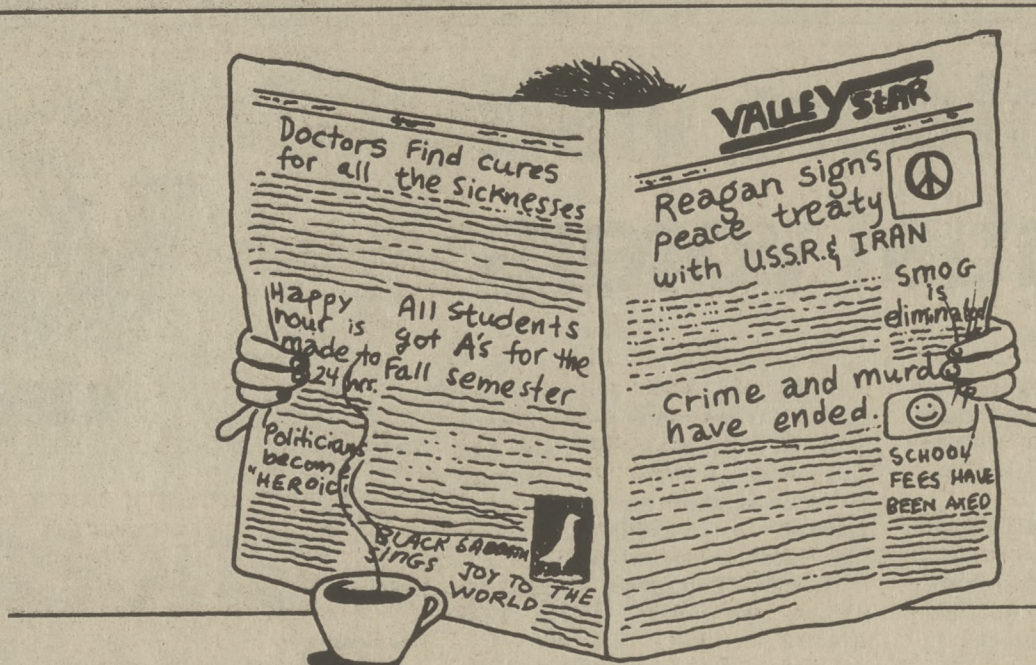
voice. The California Supreme Court cancelled that election. Is that same plan still around? Deukmejian contends that this petition is a new one, but are remnants of Don Sebastiani and his group, dubbed "The Cavemen," still in the picture?

If passed, the new plan would create an impartial, non-partisan commission of eight retired judges to re-map voting districts every ten years, supposedly drawing up voting districts that would follow city limits, county lines, and other natural boundaries, being fair to all candidates. But fairness doesn't seem to be acceptable to the party that loses control over "safe" districts, and the whole reapportionment issue starts again.

Can any panel be completely impartial? One's prejudices and background are always present when a person makes a decision. Retired judges usually come from a higher income group. Will they be considering the voice of the poor when districts are re-drawn?

It seems feasible to reapportion using California's existing county lines. Each county would have one senator and one assemblyman. For the high population areas, the remaining 18 senate and 22 assembly seats would be distributed according to population, giving fair representation to all.

The ghost of reapportionment past needs to be banished; the cost of keeping it around is too high for the taxpayer.



"I guess the world is perfect"

JR

## Letters to the Star

Dear Valley Star:

I am writing in response to a recent photograph appearing in the Los Angeles Valley College Valley Star.

I feel that this was an uncalled for display of bad taste.

Grief is something to be shared by a close circle of friends and loved ones. It is not to be blatantly paraded in front of an entire student body.

It is hard to believe that editor in chief Jeffrey S. Share would have the audacity to make public something that is so personal.

Reliving such a painful experience is something that no one wants to do. Unfortunately there are callous, insensitive people like Mr. Share who obviously have no considera-

tion whatsoever for the family and friends of the deceased. To think that someone in Mr. Share's position could possibly subject others to such a painful memory all over again is incredible. To picture so private a moment has shattered the composure of many who are just beginning to recover.

It is even more disturbing to think that advisor Rob O'Neil would let Mr. Share practice his *National Enquirer* brand of journalism. These tasteless tactics could have been handled in a much more professional manner.

I leave it to you to consider the credibility of Mr. Share.

Mimeographed copies of this letter were signed and submitted to the star by 93 students. Copies were also sent to Valley President Mary Lee, Vice Presidents Mary Ann Breckell and Edwin Young, and to the district administrators.

No journalism instructor has the authority to censor the content of a school newspaper. By law, students are permitted to publish any story or any picture that the student editors wish to publish.

The editors of the Star are more than willing to take full responsibility for the content of this newspaper.

We would also like to point out that the picture in question was taken with the permis-

sion of Billy Lees' mother. Our purpose in publishing it was not to further upset grieving students, but to show those who did not know Billy Lees how much he was loved by so many of his friends.

Dear Editor:

I was misquoted in your article on the Board of Trustees meeting in the issue of April 26. I told the Board that the Senate objected to the classified staffing plan which is moving classified clerical staff out of instructional areas where they are currently supporting classroom teaching faculty. These areas are just those which have been most seriously understaffed, and I said, "... we need to transfer classified staff into them rather than out of them."

The point of the speech, however, was to oppose the classified staffing plan which is currently being implemented and to get administration to sit down with college faculties and staffs to find less destructive solutions to current classified staffing problems.

Sincerely,  
Pat Blakeslee, Ph.D.  
District Faculty Senate President

## Decade of dubious distinction

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

What a difference a decade makes!

The month was June, and the year was 1974. Our involvement in Vietnam was coming to a close. People were still dreaming of a Beatles reunion concert. Elton John was the big name in the rock music world, along with John Denver, David Bowie, Yes, Deep Purple, among others.

Woodstock had only taken place five years earlier, and was still fresh in our idealistic minds. Nixon's presidency was coming to a close. Long hair was "in," and the peace sign was still used as a greeting among our brethren.

I had just graduated from high school, and had bought my first real "big" motorcycle. A buddy and I had just planned our first cross-

country motorcycle jaunt—our adventure to find America. I had long hair and wore a shirt with an American flag on the back, prompting my friends to call me Captain America (ala Easy Rider for those of you old enough to remember).

Our ideals were optimistic and we did not hesitate to question our country and its values. I was concerned about the vague meaning of patriotic behavior.

Wall Street was the enemy of the working man, and gas was 40 cents a gallon. The Dodgers were heading for a world series, and UCLA was still revered on the basketball court. The Angels still had lousy pitching.

Well, now it's April 1984. John Lennon has been murdered, Elton John no longer tops the charts and people ask the hard question: John Denver who?

Woodstock is only a legend; long hair is just for girls again. Nixon is alive and well and living in the White House under the name of Ronald Reagan. The United States is fighting an undeclared war in another third world country (some things never change).

Boy George has the new look in rock. Can you imagine? People used to think the Beatles looked strange!

I now have 100,000 miles of motorcycle experience, and for some strange reason, still get a "little" upset at the stupid jerk who tries to pass using the same lane I'm

riding in. My hair is shorter, and I have gained a few pounds. Some of my buddies have lost some hair, and we single men and women are now in the minority.

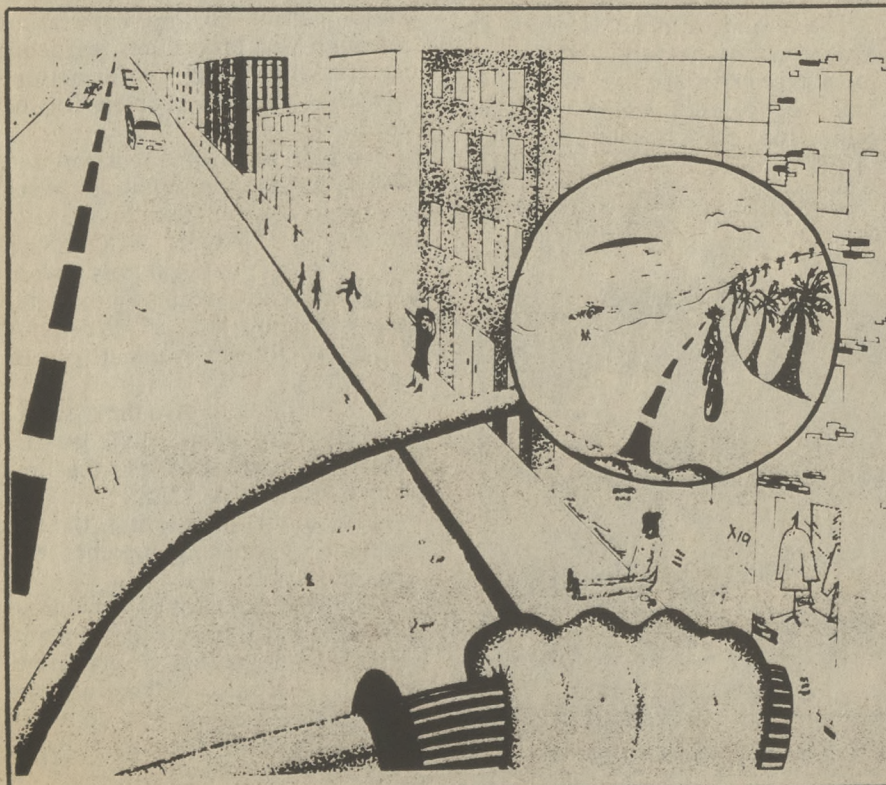
My friends' contribution to society is to check the stock market and gain a bit of spiritual knowledge from the Wall Street Journal. They all want to make the "big bucks" and retire at the age of 45 when they can start to live life to its fullest.

**"our ideals were optimistic, and we did not hesitate to question our country and its values."**

The Dodgers are still fighting to reach the world series. UCLA is a joke, and the Angels still have a lousy pitching staff.

Most of my buddies are looking forward to our ten year reunion, where we can gather with friends and reminisce about the "good old days," while dressed to the teeth in our most expensive clothes, and hoping our car isn't too outdated to embarrass our egos.

I wonder if I should rent a Mercedes or BMW. No, I'll rent a Porsche so I can compare rental rates with my high school comrades between discussions on world peace and lending a helping hand to our starving American brothers.



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# Journalism students capture 16 awards

Valley College was a winner in many categories at a statewide journalism conference held last weekend in Fresno.

A total of 16 awards were won by the *Valley Star* and the now defunct *Crown* magazine from mail-in entries and on-the-spot competitions.

Journalism students from throughout California and three Arizona colleges competed in the annual 1984 State Conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC).

The purpose of the conference is to give writers and photographers a chance to compete in on-the-spot contests, attend workshops, and award prizes for mail-in entries from past newspaper and magazine issues.

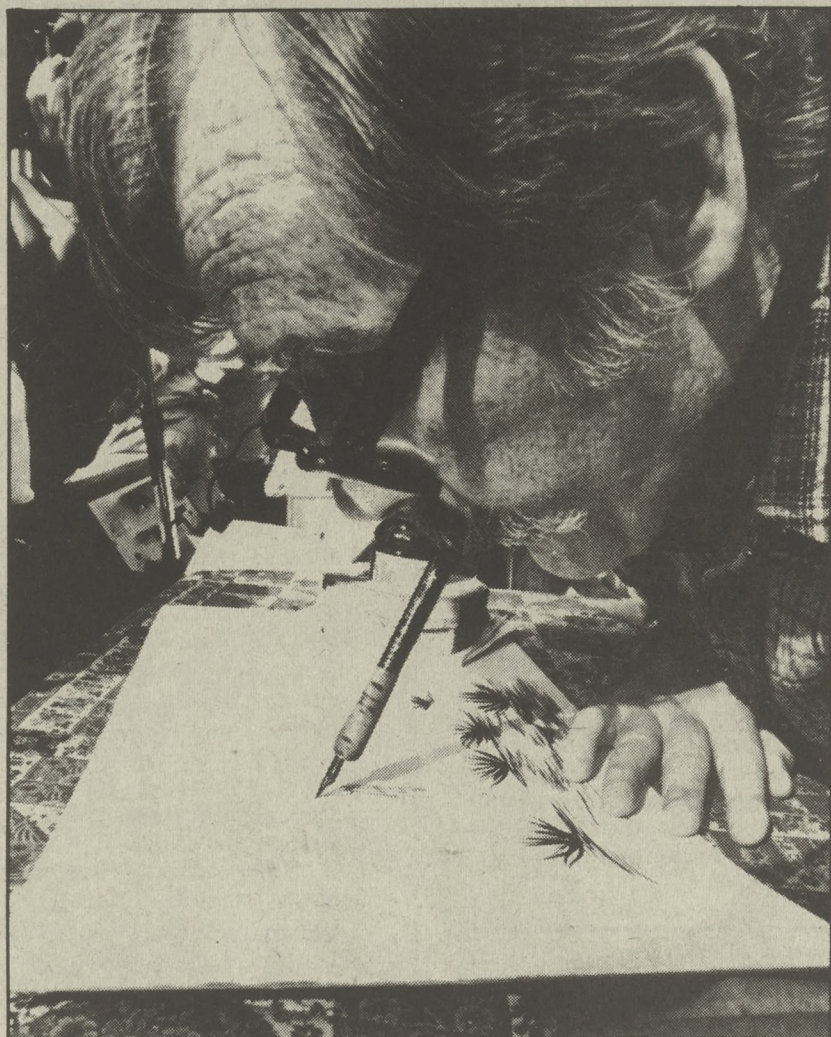
*Crown* magazine, which was cancelled after the February 1984 issue because of lack of funds, captured eight awards, including a fifth place for magazine general excellence.

Gregory Potter, former *Star* managing editor, won first place in magazine light essay-humor, and Rita Sakajian, former *Star* staff writer, placed third in magazine human interest.

Chris Voelker, *Crown* photo editor, won first place in magazine single photo for his cover shot of punk rockers, and Cindy Schumacher won an honorable mention in the same category.

Voelker also won fourth place and shared an honorable mention with Jennifer Mesenbrink for magazine photo essay.

Former *Star* editor-in-chief Joseph Kehoe won third place in the opinion category for a piece on unjust alienation of immigrants, and current news editor Frann Bart took sixth place in the same category for a column on prayer in the public schools.



AWARD WINNING PHOTO—By Denise Morgan of artist Clayton Turner.

Gregory Potter placed sixth for editorial cartoon, and former special assignment editor Jim Crogan won fourth place for sports feature story.

In the on-the-spot events, writers competed in such categories as feature, news, editorial, copyreading, sports, and critical review.

David Bohrer, *Star* city editor, captured first place for on-the-spot front page layout for a large size paper.

Managing editor Mary Cronin won third place in the editorial competition on the subject of journalistic ethics.

Photographers competed in sports action, feature, and news.

*Star* gallery editors Stephen Laferney and Denise Morgan placed second and fourth respectively for their feature photos of a handicapped artist.

All competitions, mail-in and on-the-spot, were judged by professional newspaper and magazine editors, writers, photographers, and college faculty.

Said Eddie Irwin, Valley journalism faculty member and former adviser to *Crown*, "It [*Crown*] took a lot of work and time, and it's nice to know that others value it. I certainly hope the funds can be restored completely next year."

# Center steers toward careers

By SAL SCIORTINO, Staff Writer

A workshop covering job interview techniques and other skills useful in job hunting will be presented by Valley College's Career Center on Tuesday, May 8.

The workshop concludes a two-part series dealing with job seeking skills. The first, presented last Tuesday, covered resume preparation, cover letters, employer contacts, and how to read want ads effectively.

"Job seeking is something everyone will do at one time or another during their lives," said Michael Chambliss, Career Center counselor. "People do change jobs and after they change, they may have to go through this several times."

After the workshop, Chambliss commented on the value of the skills presented. "You are really learning the same skills a placement agency uses," he said. "Agencies often charge a company a fee equal to 30 percent of the employee's first year salary."

For instance, a computer systems manager, using these skills, could approach a company directly and save the company up to ten or twelve thousand dollars, according to Chambliss.

Last Tuesday's workshop began with the resume and how to write it. A resume summarizes what you can do on one sheet of paper. According to Chambliss, the resume gets you the interview, and the interview gets you the job.

A good resume will capture the attention of the personnel reviewer, he said, and these people may see hundreds of resumes in a week. The applicant's objective is to present something that can be read in 30 seconds and motivates the reviewer to call.

The Career Center has tapes and film strips which teach how to write effective resumes.

The next step in the job seeking process, explained Chambliss, is to contact the prospective employer, usually by telephone.

Career Center Counselor Henrietta Sparks told students to ask to speak to the person responsible for the advertisement and identify yourself quickly. The fact that you are a student can be helpful, she said, but it depends on the particular job.

"Keep a positive voice," said Sparks, "and focus on the positive aspects of what you do. Do not say 'I was a student worker,' but instead, 'I was a receptionist for the Career Center.'"

Sparks also urged students to read the want ads for their chosen field at least once a week to learn what jobs pay, the times of the year they are available and which employers pay more than others.

Chambliss recommended that students keep a card file on prospective employers. A card can be a good lead even after several months, he said.

The Career Center offers a wide range of tests designed to help students choose a field. The tests are offered by appointment only and won't be available until after summer registration.

Students are encouraged, however, to make use of the many resources offered by the center. Drop-in counseling is also available.

The Center, located in Bungalows 13 and 14, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m., and Friday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. It is also open in the evening, Monday and Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

## News Notes

### SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer school registration appointments can be picked up at the West Counter in the Administration Building, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### BOOKSALE

The library will be having a book sale May 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**HAMMER AT THE ORGAN**  
Eleanor Hammer will perform an organ concert today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Admission is free.

### DANCE PRODUCTION

"Portfolio" will be presented by the LAVC Little Theatre Dancers tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students with I.D. and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

### CPR TRAINING

During the month of May the ASB will sponsor weekend training classes in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Those interested can sign up at the ASB offices (CC 102).

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS**  
Students interested in speaking at the Spring '84 graduation should contact Dr. Pauline Merry at the Student Affairs Office (CC 100).

### ASB ELECTIONS

Spring ASB elections will be held May 15 and 16. All offices are open, and petitions are available in CC 100. Petition deadline is May 3 at noon.

### VON EUER EXHIBITION

"Ornette's Way: Performance Props, Drawings, Scores and Other Related Works" by Judith Von Euer will be presented in the Art Gallery April 30 through June 1. The gallery will be open Monday through Thursday noon to 2 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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# Religion — what it means to students

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

Is there a God? Does God care about mankind? How do I seek out this elusive God? For centuries mankind has been asking and seeking out answers to these puzzling questions.

Man wants to know if there is more to life than just the every day run of the mill functions. Do we have a purpose in life? What happens when we die? This is where religion seems to play a important role in many people's lives where materialistic lives can not fulfill.

Valley College students are no different; they too, seek out their own religious questions.

According to Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, there has been a slight increase in students who are interested in Judaism. Rabbi Goldstein has been confronted with questions from Christians, atheists, members of other faiths and students who have general concerns and questions about their spiritual needs.

"Yes, there are religious seekers among the student population. I do believe their awareness has increased to some degree, and at times conversing with these students of other faiths, helps them understand

"The largest number of students are most interested in getting their school work finished, and getting into a job so that they can earn some money so that they can keep their car running," he said.

**Raskind has noticed that students are not interested in other religions as much as they are curious about their own religious background and heritage.**

their own religious beliefs and their own spirituality to a greater degree."

Even though Rabbi Goldstein has seen a slight increase among the student population's awareness of religion, he feels the vast majority still don't have time or don't care about religious questions. Most students seem to be very practical and materialistic.

"Many students find themselves on a treadmill and once it gets rough, they just don't have the spiritual strength to hold themselves together. That may be one reason that among students, the chemical abuse, suicide, and depression are so high."

Many are seeking other means of coping with their problems or just searching for other alternatives in life.

Lisa B. Raskind, associate professor of history, teaches the History of Religion courses offered at Valley.

Raskind has noticed a large increase in the attendance of her religion courses of 5 years ago when she first started teaching at Valley.

"The interest has been increasing and so it is also true of anthropology. This is the first semester

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that they are offering three courses in history and the same is true for anthropology. So there is a definite upswing in interest; all three classes are always full," Raskind said.

What she has noticed is that students are not interested in other religions as much as they are curious about their own religious background and heritage. Students in her classes seem to perk up when she reaches the chapters that pertain to Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

It would also seem, according to Raskind, that students are seeing religion in a more communal fashion. They are rejecting spiritual experiences that are geared toward the individual, and not toward the spiritual community as a whole.

It would seem that students seek out their questions through these particular courses and many of their questions are of the historical and of the spiritual variety asked in class.

While Raskind will answer questions concerning the history of a certain religion, she is careful not to engage in discussions that dwell on the truthfulness or the authenticity of a certain faith.

"Those types of questions are geared toward a theology class. I will only answer questions based on historical documentation, but these types of questions do help students think about religion and its meaning based upon their own experience and spiritual background," Raskind said.

Students were much more concerned with a sense of community and they were not interested in intangible experiences other religions offer, said Raskin of her students.

Paulette Dolin, a student at Valley and the commissioner of Jewish studies, said that she believes more students have become more aware of religious questions. "I believe that this year a more religious or spiritual quest has increased."

She feels that not only among her Jewish friends but also among her non-Jewish friends that their interest has increased to some degree. Most of the questions asked of her concern Zionism and the meaning of Christ.

Amy Ayer, professor of nursing, and the adviser to the Nurses Christian Fellowship said, "On the average, there are 24 registered nurses on the fellowship roster."

It would seem, according to Ayer, that the nurses program is so tough, many students don't have much time to attend all the fellowship's meetings.

Ayers also mentioned that many people may shy away from the fellowship fearing that they will be apostasized. "We are not here to convert, we are here to help and to provide support to anyone who may want it."

With growing world turmoil and a future that can seem uncertain, and society that seems to grow more isolated each day, an increasing number of Valley students have opted to increase their spiritual ken.

Whether it is in the study of Christianity, Judaism, or in the philosophy of the ancient Greeks, their awareness of a spirit that needs and seeks growth can only become apparent with deep and hard biting questions.

In increasing numbers, students are seeking a life beyond the confinements that their materialistic world can offer—searching for an answer to life's questions, striving to create a sense of community and wholeness in their lives.

## America's turning towards religion

By NORMA ISELA NEVAREZ, Staff Writer

"I had lost my marriage and most of my money. I was losing my health. Though barely in my forties, my hearing was failing and my back tortured me much of the time," said Joseph Levasseur of St. Louis, Mo.

All through college, Andrew Pallos, a Mission Viejo dentist, searched for the meaning in life and tried, in vain, to fill the emptiness he felt.

For both Levasseur and Pallos as well as two out of three Americans, according to a survey (March 21, 1981 *L.A. Times*, Gallup Poll), God is the answer to today's problems and feelings of a lack of purpose.

According to an article in the *L.A. Times* (Dec. 26, 1983) a "hunger for spirituality is gripping the modern world and Americans are turning again to religion."

"Forty-one percent of the American people are in the church or synagogue in a typical week, up slightly from two years ago," says Dr. Carl Henry, founding editor of *Christianity Today*.

Supporting this research, a census of religious groups reveals membership increased in almost every denomination

For example, since 1974, according to the 1984 *World Almanac*, the Southern Baptist Convention has increased its membership by 2 million, the Roman Catholic Church by approximately 2.5 million and the Assemblies of God Churches by 419,615.

According to the Rosemead based Christian Narramore Foundation, the two largest churches in the United States are the First Baptist Church of Hammond in Indiana with a reported membership of 59,600 and the Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga in Tennessee, membership standing at 56,000.

Two relatively liberal religious denominations, Unitarian Universalists and Reform Judaism also reported recent growth.

The Unitarian Universalist Association claims membership at 175,233, a 2 percent increase over the previous year.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregational arm of Reform Judaism, estimates its total membership at more than 1.2 million, according to an article in the *L.A. Times* Dec. 7, 1983 issue.

Cults are also growing.

John Clark, a Harvard professor and expert in religious sects, said such organizations are generally regaining influence (having somewhat lost it after the 1978 cult tragedy in Guyana).

"The circumstances that spawn cults are the uncertainties resulting from a rapidly changing society," Clark said.

But, cult members number only 2 and 3 million in comparison to the approximate 136 million members of mainstream organizations of Christianity and Judaism.



### Getting the statistics on students and religion

		Yes	No	Undecided
1. Do you identify with any organized religion or sect whether or not you attend services?	Male	59.67%	30.64%	8.06%
	Female	65.48%	29.20%	1.7%
2. Are your parents religious?	Male	60.48%	31.45%	8.06%
	Female	53.98%	44.27%	5.3%
3. Do you think it is important for one to pass on religious beliefs to one's children?	Male	50.80%	29.03%	20.16%
	Female	53.98%	34.51%	11.5%
4. Do you think religious beliefs are important to an individual and help in leading one's life?	Male	61.29%	22.58%	16.12%
	Female	63.71%	25.66%	10.61%

TOTAL POLLED—237  
MALE—124  
FEMALE—113

Poll taken of LAVC students during March 1984

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## Women take # 1

## Excellence in Track and Field

By DIANE HARBOUR, Sports Editor

The Mountain Valley Conference Track and Field Preliminaries were held here at Valley College on May 1 which Valley's Women had finals in five events and placed an overall first in the meet.

The final women's score after the five events were: first place LA Valley, 48; second place LA Southwest, 38; third place Moorpark, 35; fourth place LA Trade Tech, 14; fifth place West LA, 13; and sixth place Antelope Valley, 6.

James Harvey, assistant track and field coach said, "The meet will be a

close one, and Moorpark is highly competitive."

The women's events were overall very competitive. Despite the overcast haze and dreariness there were still peak performances that enlivened the afternoon.

High Jump was the first event of the afternoon--1. Yvette Maufas (LA Valley), 5-4; 2. Simone Vanegmond (LA Valley), 5-4; 3. Teri Topp (Moorpark), 5-0; 4. Sheila Greene (LA Southwest), 4-10; and 5. Teri Davidson (Moorpark), 4-6.

Long Jump (all jumps with wind,

no gauge) was the second event--1. Michelle Whipper (LA Valley), 17-6 1/2; 2. Wanda Sapp (LA Trade Tech), 16-6 3/4; 3. Karen Robinson (West LA), 16-4; 4. Teri Davidson (Moorpark), 16-1 1/2; 5. Yvette Maufas (LA Valley), 15-11; and 6. Colleen Gainey (Moorpark), 15-7 1/2.

Shot Put was the third event for women--1. Janice Woodard (LA Southwest), 40-1 1/2; 2. Yvette Maufas (LA Valley), 37-11; 3. Glenda Holt (LA Trade Tech), 32-9 1/2; 4. Colleen Gainey (Moorpark), 31-8

3/4; 5. Jackie Barry (LA Southwest), 30-10 1/2; and 6. Sinae Gonzales (West LA), 30-2.

The fourth event was Discus--1. Janice Woodard (LA Southwest), 109-8; 2. Colleen Gainey (Moorpark), 107-9; 3. Rochelle Mitchell (Antelope), 102-2; 4. Jackie Barry (LA Southwest), 97-7; 5. Simone Vanegmond (LA Valley), 83-3; and 6. Teresa Goodwin (Moorpark), 87-3.

Javelin was the final event for women--1. Colleen Gainey (Moorpark), 135-6; 2. Jackie Barry (LA Southwest), 113-7; 3. Leah Donaldson (West LA), 108-3; 4. Kim Myers (Moorpark), 96-9; 5. Maureen Donderlein (LA Valley), 81-8; and 6. Teresa Goodwin (Moorpark), 81-4.

The only final event held for men was the 10,000 m in which Eugene Cruz (LA Valley) displayed an outstanding performance of 32:07.1. Tim Wilkinson (LA Valley), placed second with 33:06.9; third place-Sergio Valenzuela (LA Trade Tech), 33:13.5; fourth place-Mark LaPlante (Antelope Valley), 33:59.8; fifth place-James Macon (Moorpark), 34:02.4; and sixth place-Matt Finnigan (LA Valley), 34:04.5.

The other two events held for men, 100 m and 200 m, were preliminaries and will be held again in the final meet this Friday, May 4, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

There will be 28 competitive events in the Mountain Valley Conference finals on Friday. The men's Track and Field team is expected to place first.



JAVELIN—Maureen Donderlein (LAVC)

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

(May 3 - 12)

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
3-5	Swimming	at East L.A. (State Championships)	all day
4	Track	at Valley (Mtn. Valley Finals)	1 p.m.
5	Softball	vs. Hancock (double header)	1 & 3 p.m.
	Baseball	at Moorpark	noon
8	Baseball	vs. West L.A.	2 p.m.



HIGH JUMP—Yvette Maufas takes first place for Valley.

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## Dedicated to Football

By NORMA NEVAREZ, Staff Writer

Chuck Ferrero, Valley's head football coach, has been trying to get the team back on the right track for five years.

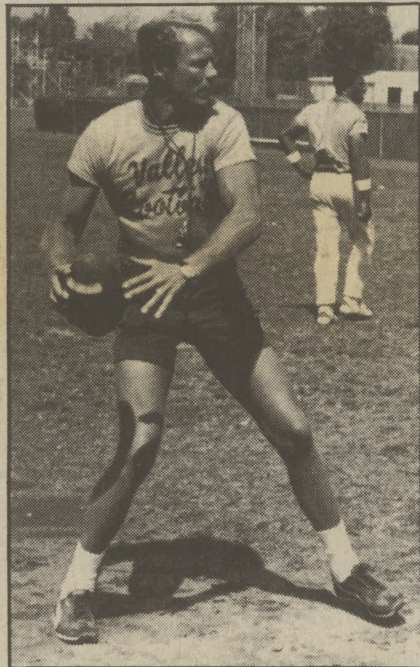
"It took us three years to get respectable. We got to the middle of the Western State Conference and then last year, we played against Pierce College in the southern California Conference. And, though we lost, we did play for the championship game," he said.

Ferrero, who was referring to a scandal they had before he came on staff attributes renewed success to "the hard work of a lot of people."

"Because of their dedication, we are able to have a very representative football team," he adds.

Ferrero, who during season averages a 15 to 16-hour per work day, came from "a very representative team" himself.

While he attended UCLA as an



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HEAD COACH—Chuck Ferrero

undergraduate student, he played center under coach Tommy Prothro during the "Gary Beben years." Beben, during that time, was awarded the Heisman Trophy--the top college football player award.

Ferrero, also, received awards. Among them, he modestly admits being proudest of the Dykstra Award. It is presented to athletes on scholarship who maintain above a 3.0 GPA and he was its recipient every semester.

Ferrero, who is married and has two daughters, Jennifer, 11, and Elena Margarita, 4 months, "loves his job and is deeply committed to it."

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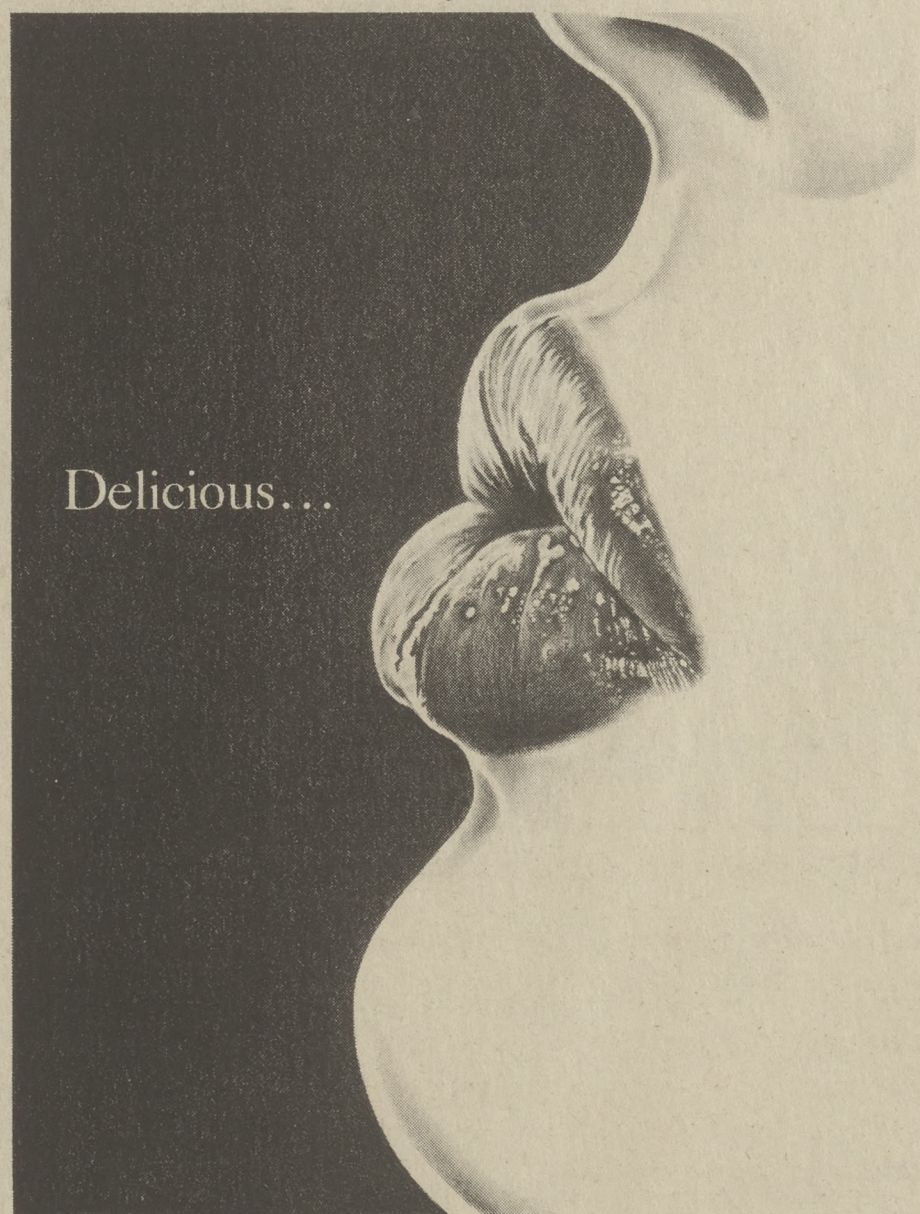
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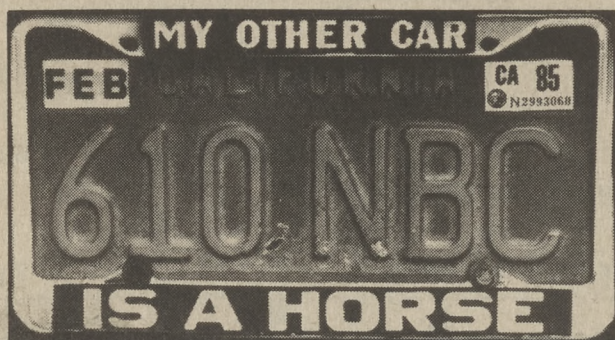






Dr. Lee enjoys the early morning with her dogs before beginning a busy day at school.

## Dr. President, I presume



Dr. Lee discusses the issues with Dr. Edwin Young, vice president of academic affairs.



Even at lunch Lee's work continues as she confers with Maryamber Villa, professor of history and Valley faculty senate chair.

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